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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated March 19, 2002 (Paper No. 6) issued in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-29 and 31-36, without traverse. This response is being timely filed.

Favorable examination of the elected claims is respectfully requested

Respectfully submitted,

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